

WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

"I support the resolution before us today. In clear and succinct language it says what I believe must be done."

"I support our men and women on the front line with all the training, the body and vehicle armor, and the courage."

"America mourns the loss of more than three thousand of our soldiers since that fateful first day of May."

"I oppose this escalation. It is four years too late and more than 100,000 troops too few. The tactic is wrong."

"President George W. Bush has repeatedly cited the 300,000-strong Iraqi army and police force which is a threat."

"As dysfunctional as it is, the Iraqi government, which we created, must decide whether they want all-out war."

"At this very late date virtually everyone agrees that peace and stability for Iraq cannot be secured militarily."

"In a month, the war in Iraq will have gone on four years, well beyond our participation in World War II."